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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:
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Serial No.: 09/631,726 : Group Art Unit: 2183

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: IBM Corporation

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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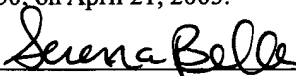
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 10, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 10, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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